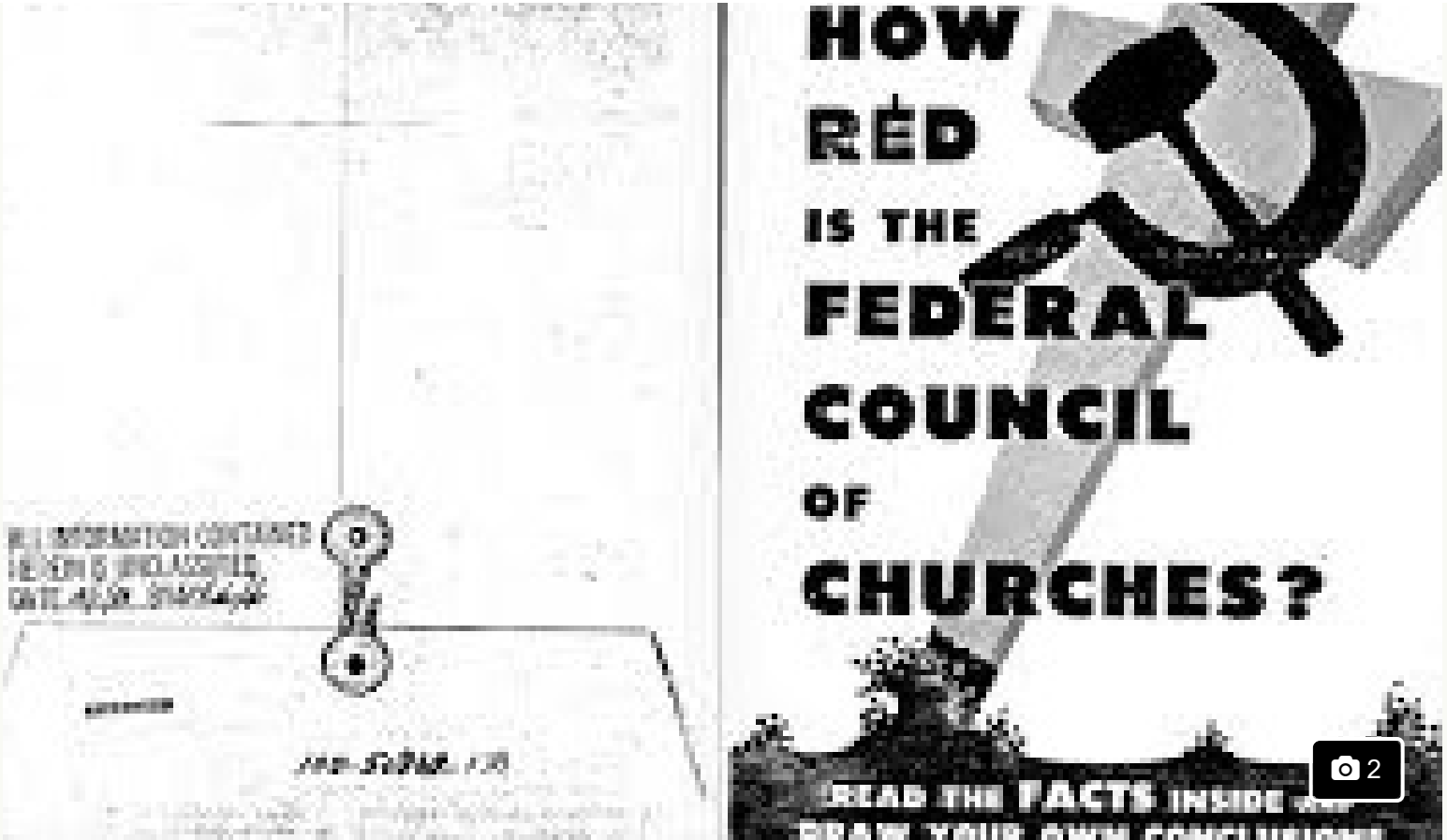




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Over a period of 37 years I requested and received thousands of FBI HQ and FBI field office files via FOIA requests. At one time, the FBI told me that I was their single largest requester -- i.e. I had submitted requests on 8900 subjects.

Originally, the subject matters of my requests pertained to conservative and extreme right individuals, organizations, publications and controversies. I later expanded my requests to include documents and files on the left-wing -- including the Communist Party USA. [I was the first person to discover the actual number of FBI live human informants inside the CPUSA].

You may see a list of my FOIA requests here:

FOIA LIST OF SUBJECTS

The FBI informed me that I often was the first and only person to submit a request on the subjects listed in my requests. Subsequently, many of the files I obtained were destroyed by the FBI so, in many cases, **I now have the only copies in existence.**

Hundreds of my paper FBI files are currently located in a warehouse owned by Internet Archive in California.

A student at the Center for Right Wing Studies at Univ. of California-Berkeley is working part-time on a project to convert a portion of my paper files into PDF files. I then add them to my Internet Archive webpages (see links below). However, current funding for that project is running out.

ARCHIVE WEBPAGE #1

ARCHIVE WEBPAGE #2

I am launching this GoFundMe request to ask **your** help so that the entire scanning project can be completed. **Otherwise, these historical files may be lost forever.**

In many cases, these FBI files contain the **only** copies in existence of newsletters and publications authored by the individuals and groups who were the focus of my requests and/or they contain the only available biographical background information about the individuals connected to these organizations and publications.

I am requesting \$6500 to cover the labor cost for the scanning project by the UC-Berkeley student working on this project.

Altogether, there are approximately 100 boxes of my FBI files in the Archive warehouse. Each box contains approximately 4000-5000 pages.

The UC student working on this project, usually brings 5 boxes at a time to UC-Berkeley where he then scans some of the files based upon a priority listing he has been provided. It usually takes him about 4-5 weeks to finish scanning files in those 5 boxes.

At present, the student has completed scanning about 40% of the files in those boxes and he may be able to finish scanning another 10% by the time the current funding runs out.

YOUR help in preserving these historical records would be greatly appreciated!

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